

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A method of generating kinetic power for propulsive force in a lower extremity prosthesis including a longitudinally extending foot keel, an ankle and an elongated, upstanding shank above the ankle for connection with a lower extremity prosthetic socket on a person's leg stump, the method comprising:

providing an upstanding monolithically formed resilient member which forms the ankle and the shank in the prosthesis with a lower end of the resilient member terminating posteriorly and connected to the foot keel, the lower end of the resilient member anteriorly extending upwardly by way of an anterior facing convexly curved surface to form the ankle, the resilient member extending upwardly in a substantially curvilinear manner substantially above human ankle joint height and the ankle to form the shank and defining a lower prosthetic part of a leg, wherein the resilient member is curved longitudinally over at least substantially the entire height of the member above the foot keel, and wherein the shank has an upper end which during use of the lower extremity prosthesis is moved longitudinally with respect to the foot keel during force loading and unloading of the lower extremity prosthesis; and

changing the ankle torque ratio of the lower extremity prosthesis in gait by using a posterior calf device on the lower extremity prosthesis to effect a change in the sagittal plane flexure characteristic for longitudinal movement of

the upper end of the resilient member in response to force loading and unloading during a person's use of the lower extremity prosthesis, the ankle torque ratio being defined as the quotient of the peak dorsiflexion ankle torque in the late terminal stance phase of gait divided by the plantar flexion ankle torque created in the lower extremity prosthesis in the initial foot flat loading response after heel strike in gait, wherein said posterior calf device assists posterior movement of the upper end of the resilient member and controls anterior movement of the upper end of the resilient member during use of the prosthesis, and wherein the posterior calf device is located posterior of the resilient member and includes at least one strap connecting the upper end of the resilient member and the lower portion of the lower extremity prosthesis, and at least one spring which is resiliently biased by the at least one strap in response to anterior movement of the upper end of the resilient member for storing energy.

2. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said assisting posterior movement includes resiliently biasing the upper end of the resilient member for posterior movement using the device provided on the prosthesis.

3. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said controlling anterior movement limits the range of anterior movement of the upper end of the resilient member using the device provided on the prosthesis.

4. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said controlling the anterior movement includes resisting the anterior movement of the upper end of the resilient member using the device provided on the prosthesis.

5. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said controlling the anterior movement includes resiliently biasing the at least one spring of the device on the prosthesis during anterior movement of the upper end of the resilient member to store energy in the device with force loading of the prosthesis in gait, the device returning the stored energy during force unloading of the prosthesis adding to the propulsion of the person's body in gait.

6. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said assisting and said controlling increase the ankle torque ratio of the prosthesis in gait.

7. (original) The method according to claim 6, including increasing the ankle torque ratio to mimic the ankle torque ratio which occurs in a human foot in gait.

8. (original) The method according to claim 6, including increasing the ankle torque ratio so that said peak dorsiflexion ankle torque is an order of magnitude greater than said plantar flexion ankle torque.

9. (original) The method according to claim 6, including increasing the ankle torque ratio to a value of about 11 to 1.

10. (original) The method according to claim 1, including providing the foot with a high low dynamic response capability.

11. (currently amended) [[he]]The method according to claim 10, including providing said foot keel with high low dynamic response capability including forming a midfoot portion of the foot keel with a longitudinal arch with a medial aspect larger in radius and with a relatively higher dynamic response capability than a lateral aspect of the arch.

12-39. (cancelled)

40. (previously presented) A method of generating power for propulsive force in a prosthetic foot comprising:

providing a prosthetic foot having a longitudinally extending foot keel and a monolithically formed resilient calf shank forming an ankle and an elongated, upstanding shank above the ankle for connection with a lower extremity prosthetic socket on a person's leg stump, the calf shank having a

lower end terminating posteriorly and connected to the foot keel, the lower end of the calf shank anteriorly extending upwardly by way of an anterior facing convexly curved surface to form the ankle, the resilient calf shank extending upwardly in a substantially curvilinear manner substantially above human ankle joint height and the ankle to form the lower prosthetic part of a leg, wherein the resilient calf shank is curved longitudinally over at least substantially the entire height of the calf shank above the foot keel and has an upper end which during use of the prosthetic foot is moved longitudinally with respect to the foot keel during force loading and unloading of the prosthetic foot; and

changing the ankle torque ratio of the prosthetic foot in gait by using a posterior calf device located on the prosthetic foot posterior of the calf shank and connecting the upper end of the calf shank and a lower portion of the prosthetic foot to effect a change in the sagittal plane flexure characteristic for longitudinal movement of the upper end of the calf shank in at least the anterior direction in response to force loading and unloading during a person's use of the prosthetic foot, the ankle torque ratio being defined as the quotient of the peak dorsiflexion ankle torque in the late terminal stance phase of gait divided by the plantar flexion ankle torque created in the prosthetic foot in the initial foot flat loading response after heel strike in gait.

41. (original) The method according to claim 40, wherein the ankle torque ratio is changed to mimic that of a human foot.

42. (original) A method according to claim 40, wherein the ankle torque ratio is changed so that the peak dorsiflexion ankle torque that occurs in the late terminal stance of gait is at least an order of magnitude greater than the plantar flexion ankle torque created in the initial foot flat loading response after heel strike in gait.

43. (original) The method according to claim 40, wherein the ankle torque ratio is changed to about 11 to 1.

44. (original) The method according to claim 40, wherein the ankle torque ratio is changed by using the posterior calf device to at least one of assist the posterior movement of the upper end of the calf shank and limit the anterior movement of the upper end of the calf shank.

45. (original) The method according to claim 44, wherein the posterior calf device assists the posterior movement of the upper end of the calf shank by resiliently biasing the upper end for posterior movement.

46. (original) The method according to claim 44, wherein the posterior calf device limits the anterior movement of the upper end of the calf shank by resiliently biasing at least one member of the posterior calf device during anterior movement of the upper end of the calf shank with force loading of the prosthetic foot to store energy for return during force unloading of the prosthetic foot.

47. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 40, including monolithically forming the foot keel, calf shank and posterior calf device.

48. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 40, including providing the foot keel with a resilient longitudinal arch which can be expanded in gait during force loading of the prosthetic foot for storing energy that is returned during force unloading.

49. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 48, including forming the medial aspect of the longitudinal arch with a larger radius than the lateral aspect.